

**ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL ADVISORY BOARD**

**MINUTES OF  
NOVEMBER 20, 2019**

Item No. 1 being:

**ROLL CALL**

The Environmental Control Advisory Board of the City of Norman, Cleveland County, State of Oklahoma, met in Regular Session at the City of Norman, in the Study Session Room, Norman Municipal Building, 201 West Gray Street on November 20, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. Notice and Agenda of the meeting were posted at the Norman Municipal Building at 201 West Gray, 24 hours prior to the beginning of the meeting.

MEMBERS PRESENT     Amanda Nairn (Chair)  
                                 Matthew Rom (Vice-Chair)  
                                 Dane Heins (left at 6:05)  
                                 Andrew Sartain (left at 6:05)

MEMBERS ABSENT     James Harp

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT     Debra Smith, Environmental Services Manager  
   Chris Mattingly, Capital Projects Engineer  
   Carrie Evenson, Stormwater Program Manager  
   Michele Loudenback, Stormwater Program Specialist

Item No. 2 being:

**INTRODUCE GUESTS**

Karen Blasier, Ready for 100  
Steve Dugas, Climate Reality Project  
Rebecca Dugas, Climate Reality Project  
Clint Givens, Citizens Climate Lobby  
Sara Bondy, resident

Item No. 3 being:

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF OCTOBER 16, 2019 MEETING**

Rom made a motion to approve the October 16, 2019 minutes. Sartain seconded. There being no further discussion, a vote was taken with the following result:

YEAS     Amanda Nairn  
                 Matthew Rom  
                 Dane Heins  
                 Andrew Sartain

NAYS     None

The motion passed by a vote of 4 to 0.

Items No. 5, 7 and 8 were discussed at this time. There was not a quorum for Items No. 4, 6, 9, 10 and 11.

Item No. 4 being:

**UPDATE ON US MAYORS' CLIMATE PROTECTION (MCP) AGREEMENT**

Rom mentioned that the Norman Public Schools made an agreement with OEC on Tuesday Night. Karen Blasier said Ready for 100 has been meeting with the schools for over a year about the possibility of acquiring solar installation at one of the schools. They initially met with Jerry Privett, Energy Education Specialist. OEC only services one school, Lakeview. Privett said the schools owns a 40-acre site in rural east Norman around 60th and Robinson. The Solar Schools Committee brought OEC and Norman Public Schools together. OEC is going to pay for the installation of the system on this land. It's about 7200 solar panels, much larger than the solar garden on Interstate 35. It will provide 2 MW of energy onto the grid. This is the equivalent of 30% of the school system's electric consumption or the equivalent of the energy use of both high schools. It should be completed by the end of 2020. They are also looking at grants and other forms of funding to build a science and learning center about renewable energy and jobs of the future at this location. The solar panels will only be on 15 of the 40 acres. They are also looking at a proposal of a site-based installation at Irving Middle School. This would be a shade structure. Blasier also said that the Oklahoma Uniform Building Code Commission had a second meeting about the 2018 Energy Efficiency Building Code for commercial buildings yesterday. She was told that they left it at 2006 but they are going to form a technical working committee to take a closer look at it. Only two industries benefit from inefficient buildings. The rest of the 2018 Building Code was approved and will be sent to the legislature. The legislature and the Governor will still need to approve this. Nairn said she was told that Ready for 100 would be pleased with the 2012 Building Code or anything after 2012.

Item No. 5 being:

**APPROVAL OF PROPOSED MEETING DATES AND TIMES FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2020**

Nairn proposed moving the March meeting to March 11<sup>th</sup> because of Spring Break. Heins made a motion to approve the calendar with the change of the March meeting to March 11<sup>th</sup>. Sartain seconded. There being no further discussion, a vote was taken with the following result:

YEAS     Amanda Nairn  
             Matthew Rom  
             Dane Heins  
             Andrew Sartain

NAYS     None

The motion passed by a vote of 4 to 0.

Item No. 6 being:

**DISCUSS INFOGRAPHICS FOR RECYCLING BIN IN THE CITY MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

No discussion

Item No. 7 being:

### **TRUTH IN 10 PRESENTATION**

Andrew Sartain gave a presentation about climate change (available upon request). It is part of a 24-hour Climate Reality action. It is an international event to raise awareness. The point of this presentation is to give a bite-size version of information for those that are passionate about this issue and how to give this pitch to someone that doesn't really care about climate change or isn't as convinced as the people in the room.

Item No. 8 being:

### **DISCUSS POTENTIAL ART BARREL PROGRAM**

Evenson said Stormwater participates in a rain barrel program every year through COSWA (Central Oklahoma Stormwater Association). They repurpose food grade barrels which keeps them out of the landfill and also promotes water conservation and stormwater pollution prevention. One of the things that the company that provides the barrels is doing it to offer the barrels that may have some cosmetic problems and offering them to municipalities at a reduced price for different programs. One of these programs is an art barrel program. Evenson suggested taking the winning posters from the Water's Worth It poster contest and having the barrels wrapped with these posters. She found someone that could do this. It is a five to ten-day turn-around time. They could be offered as prizes on Earth Day or be used as a fundraiser or a raffle. Evenson said COSWA now has totes that can be converted into a rain barrel. Nairn said we could have the barrels wrapped so they can be shown at the April Artwalk. Money received could be used to buy the barrels again for next year or some other program. Nairn asked Evenson to check on the costs for the barrels and the totes. Smith asked if the barrels or totes could be used at the city complex in the area east of Building A if this area is going to be a demonstration site. Evenson said if we had a fund something more meaningful could be accomplished for Big Event. Smith said the Park Foundation could accept money without going to council. Nairn asked her to check on that.

Item No. 9 being:

### **DISCUSS SOCIAL MEDIA TOPICS**

No discussion

Item No. 10 being:

### **DISCUSS BIG EVENT**

The Big Event will be April 28<sup>th</sup> this year. ECAB will need to decide what to do and sign up next month. It was suggested that the volunteers help with the demonstration site east of Building A. Stormwater will need to get some numbers for the building materials, plants, etc. Nairn suggested

that ECAB should be able to donate a couple of hundred dollars. The recent designs from an OU capstone class may be used. DEQ has Environmental Education Grants for up to \$1,000. Smith suggested trying for this.

Item no. 11 being:

**DISCUSS POSTER CONTEST**

Smith said the rules will need to be approved at the next meeting. Nairn said we need to get the list of prizes from last year from Larissa.

Item no. 12 being:

**MISCELLANEOUS DISCUSSION**

Loudenback said the Artful Inlets will be held again at the April Artwalk. They will have the street closed. Smith suggested having the Earth Day Parade during this time since the street will already be closed. Nairn asked if OU was doing Earth Month again. Smith will let ECAB know when she hears but suggested the City of Norman do it if OU doesn't.

Item No. 13 being:

**QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

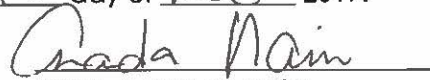
None

Item No. 14 being:

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 6:05 there was no longer a quorum. Two members left. The meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

Passed and approved this 18 day of Dec 2019.

  
Chair, Amanda Nairn